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**AMADO MAN SENTENCED TO OVER 5 YEARS IN PRISON FOR
MARIJUANA CHARGE**

TUCSON, Ariz. – Jose de la Cruz Tolano-Medina, 56, of Amado, Ariz., was sentenced here on Monday, June 19, 2006 by U.S. District Chief Judge John M. Roll to 70 months (5.8 years) in prison to be followed by 48 months of supervised release.

On September 2, 2005, DEA agents arrested Tolano-Medina after Nogales Border Patrol agents discovered 253 pounds of marijuana in Tolano-Medina's locked shed next to his house in Amado, Ariz. On September 28, 2005, a federal grand jury indicted him for Possession with Intent to Distribute approximately 115 kilograms of marijuana. On March 3, 2006, Tolano-Medina was found guilty by a federal jury of the charge in the indictment.

The investigation in the case was conducted by U.S. Customs and Border Protection and DEA. The prosecution was handled by Celeste Corlett, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.

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